

Agency's Chief Operating Officer and supervised the Agency's acquisition, financial, human capital, information technology and mission services elements spanning DIA's global footprint of over 150 countries.

Earlier assignments for Mr. Roberts include a tour in London as DIA's Chief Liaison to the United Kingdom and a tour as the Vice Deputy Director for Analysis for DIA where he oversaw over 2,000 military and civilian personnel, providing all-source intelligence analysis to the Combatant Commands including deployed U.S. and allied forces; the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and the Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Roberts has represented the Director, DIA at the NATO Intelligence Board and has also served as the Chief, Operational Support Group, where he was responsible for the production of all-source intelligence on foreign infrastructure and operational environment related issues, in support of deliberate and crisis planning requirements worldwide.

In August 1998, Mr. Roberts became a member of the Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service when he was selected to be the Chief, Office for Counterproliferation Support. In this capacity, he was responsible for the production of all-source intelligence on foreign, nuclear, chemical, and biological warfare programs in support of U.S. counterproliferation efforts. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Roberts was the Senior Intelligence Officer, Office for Counterproliferation Support.

From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Roberts served as the Director, Office of General Military Intelligence Functional Management. In this capacity, he oversaw program planning and budget execution for approximately \$520 million and over 7,000 personnel. During this period, Mr. Roberts chaired the Council of Intelligence Producers where he played a key role in the largest reallocation of Defense intelligence resources in the post-Cold War period. From 1989 to 1990, as the Special Assistant for Intelligence Production, Directorate for Research, he directed the production of finished intelligence and data base maintenance of over 800 analysts. Prior to 1989, Mr. Roberts served in other supervisory and analytical positions including Chief, North Korean Military Capabilities Branch, and Senior Intelligence Officer, Asia Division.

A career intelligence professional, Mr. Roberts has received the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive and is a recipient of the Defense Intelligence Agency medals for Exceptional Civilian Service and Meritorious Civilian Service, two Defense Intelligence Agency Director's Awards, and the Director of Central Intelligence Diversity Management Award.

Mr. Speaker, while DIA and the Intelligence Community will be losing a leader who has answered the call of public service at such critical points in our nation's history, I know that Phil will be happy to spend more time with his wife Teresa and children Taylor, Jonathan and Jordan. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation and my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives, I thank Phil Roberts and his family for his years of service to our country and wish him the very best in his retirement from the federal government.

HONORING MS. JULIE METZGER

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Julie Metzger of Cape Girardeau, Missouri for her achievements and impact in the community. A graduate of Southeast Missouri State University and St. Louis University, Ms. Metzger now serves as the Director of Case Management and Social Services at Southeast Missouri Hospital. She provides education, support, counseling, crisis intervention, and advocacy to patients and their families during difficult times. She has also published educational materials to help other volunteers and professionals in the social work field. Ms. Metzger also mentors and supervises student interns from a number of local universities. In addition to her social work, Ms. Metzger volunteers for many councils and foundations such as the American Cancer Society, Reach to Recovery, American Academy of Bereavement, the American Case Management Association, the National Association of Social Workers, and the Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Ms. Metzger has managed to achieve so much and help so many people, all the while fighting a battle with breast cancer. Having reached the five-year mark as a cancer survivor, she has used her experience to educate and support other women fighting cancer. Ms. Metzger has provided hope and inspiration for so many women and I truly admire her strength and dedication to helping others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, on October 14, 2013, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes Nos. 547–549. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 547: “no”—On Motion To Table the Motion To Appeal the Ruling of the Chair; rollcall No. 548: “no”—On Passage; rollcall No. 549: “no”—On Agreeing to the Grayson Amendment.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN BILL YOUNG

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of solemnity that I wish to honor the passing and memory of our colleague, Congressman C.W. Bill Young, who passed away on October 18, 2013, at the age of 82.

Congressman Young was the most senior Republican in both houses of Congress and represented the best of public service. He served in the Florida State Senate for ten years before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Tampa Bay area

in 1970. In his nearly 43 years in Congress, Congressman Young worked hard for the people of his district and was especially tireless in supporting military personnel and their families—both legislatively and personally. He and his wife, Beverly, were known for their countless visits to wounded soldiers. Himself a veteran of the Army National Guard and Reserves, Young was the current chairman of the Defense subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, and he had previously chaired that full committee from 1999 to 2005.

With decades of experience, Young naturally became a source of guidance for many of his colleagues. He had a balanced and well-regarded approach to the issues and affairs of Congress, and his personal kindness was known to many. While this moment is significant for the people of the 13th District of Florida and for the House itself, my prayers today are especially with Young's wife, Beverly, their three sons, and all of his loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring and remembering Congressman Young.

A TRIBUTE TO LOIS O'KEEFE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this occasion to give congratulations on the retirement of my District Director, Lois O'Keefe. This is truly a bittersweet moment for me. I have known Lois for over 20 years just before I began my legislative career in the Wisconsin State Assembly. She has been a volunteer, an employee and most importantly a friend.

I am happy that Lois will begin a new journey after having such an illustrious career as a public servant. Lois O'Keefe has been employed by two U.S. Senators, Senators Proxmire and Kohl and a U.S. Congresswoman. The labor movement has also been an important part of her career. She was appointed as the Regional Representative of the Secretary of Labor for the Midwest Region in Chicago. During the Clinton Administration, Lois O'Keefe served under Secretaries Robert Reich and Alexis Herman. She also served as a union organizer for the Service Employees International Union representing workers who cared for the elderly. It is clear she has a passion for government service.

Lois O'Keefe also has a passion for working with youth. She ran the REACH Youth Program at the Milwaukee Private Industry Council and worked with the Milwaukee Job Corps to start an internship program in my district office.

Lois also has lived the reality of many women, juggling work and child care issues to return to school when her four children were young, ages 7–14. She earned both a BA in Political Science and an MA in Industrial and Labor Relations. After nearly 10 years on my staff serving as a caseworker and then District Director, I wish you well my friend.

While you have closed this door, another one is opening for you so that you may pursue life at your own special pace. Lois can now travel the world, which is something that I know she has wanted to do for a long time.

Lois O'Keefe, thank you for your service to the 4th Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was absent due to the passing of my close personal friend and was not present for rollcall votes on Tuesday, October 22, 2013. Had I been present, I would have voted in this manner: H.R. 185—To designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the "Paul Brown United States Courthouse"—"yes"; H.R. 3205—Promoting Adoption and Legal Guardianship for Children in Foster Care Act—"yes"; Journal Vote—"yes."

HONORING KEVIN SHANLEY OF GLADSTONE, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kevin Shanley of Gladstone, New Jersey. Kevin was a fine leader of the Newark Museum whose contributions will long be remembered. Kevin was also a successful businessman, a generous and caring philanthropist and a wonderful father and grandfather.

Kevin served as the Chairman of the Newark Museum for over 25 years. Under his leadership the museum underwent its largest expansion to date with the completion of its North Wing. His work at the museum expanded its mission and brought in objects and ideas that educated and inspired.

Kevin was a generous and caring philanthropist. He served as President and Treasurer of the Victoria Foundation, which assists young children and their families in the Newark community. Kevin also served on the Board of Trustees of New Jersey Futures, as a regent of St. Peter's University in Jersey City and on the boards of many other organizations. He was also a successful businessman working with a number of major companies. There he mentored many of his colleagues who appreciated his sound perspective and high degree of integrity.

Kevin's long devotion to his civic and personal responsibilities will forever be his legacy.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,078,769,687,926.64. We've added \$6,451,892,639,013.54 to our debt in 4

years. This is \$6.4 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, on October 22, 2013, I was unavoidably detained and missed three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 551, rollcall No. 552, and rollcall No. 553.

CRUCIAL NEGOTIATIONS ON HOW TO RESOLVE BUDGET CHALLENGES

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, for months the President repeatedly pledged that he would initiate long overdue negotiations on matters ranging from tax reform to regulatory reform and work with Republicans on the flaws emerging with his health care law. His stipulation was that Congress must first reopen government and raise the debt limit. Consequently, Mr. Speaker, last week I voted to end the budget impasse and tentatively cooperate with the President. While this agreement does not solve our long term challenges, it does allow us to move forward and begin crucial negotiations on how to resolve our budget challenges.

Throughout the fall, President Obama and Senate Majority Leader HARRY REID demanded a blank check and refused to negotiate. This plan is not a blank check. It was forged through negotiations and provides a short term extension for funding at lower spending levels than the Senate wanted. It includes a long overdue conference on a federal budget. The plan also includes a much needed change in the Affordable Care Act to ensure the income of individuals receiving subsidies is verified instead of relying on an honor system.

Most importantly, the plan ensures a host of other negotiations pledged by the President will move forward so we can address our growing debt, improve our economy, and fix the problems with the health care law. President Obama has promised on numerous occasions that once the government was open and the debt ceiling was raised he would be willing to negotiate "on anything." This includes the budget, economic reforms, entitlement programs, and even the health care law. In the next few months the American public should be keenly aware whether he does what he said he would do. Finally Congress can hold the President accountable for his pledge to negotiate with Congress over these impediments to economic recovery.

Over the past several weeks, conservatives put up a strong fight to stop President Obama's health care law from being fully implemented. After trying to defund the law, delay it for a year, and ensure fairness so that

members of Congress don't get special treatment, it became clear that our tactics weren't working and we needed to regroup.

Given that Republicans are a minority in Washington we need to be realistic about what we can achieve. That does not mean we will give up the fight. We just need to be smart about where and when we choose to fight and pick battles we can win.

As we move forward with negotiations over the budget and other issues, we need to focus on ways we can achieve our objectives. We need to seek true reforms that don't just put off hard decisions to the next crisis. The challenges we face—a weak economy, a growing debt, a health care law that isn't working—are too important to just push off into the future.

The next step to overcome these challenges is for the President and Senator REID to open the negotiations we were promised.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL DARRELL D. JONES

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant General Darrell D. Jones, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower, Personnel, and Services, Headquarters United States Air Force, for his 34 years of faithful service to our country. The Air Force's senior personnel officer, General Jones is responsible for comprehensive plans and policies covering all life cycles of military and civilian personnel management, including military and civilian end strength management, education and training, compensation, resource allocation, and the worldwide United States Air Force services program. Over the course of Lieutenant General Jones' distinguished career, he commanded a squadron, group, two wings and a direct reporting unit. As previous Commander, Air Force District of Washington, and Commander of the Air Force Forces for Joint Forces Headquarters-National Capital Region, he organized, trained and equipped combat forces for aerospace expeditionary forces, homeland operations, civil support, national special security events and ceremonial events. He also provided major command-level support for 60,000 worldwide military and civilian personnel and was the Uniform Code of Military Justice authority for 40,000 Airmen.

General Jones graduated from Mississippi State University's Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program in 1979. He began his career as a personnel officer at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona in the Consolidated Base Personnel Office. He excelled in a variety of jobs as the Chief of Customer Assistance, Chief of Quality Force, and Chief of Personnel Utilization. Immediately after this assignment, then-Lieutenant Jones reported to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas where he was the Chief of the Assignment Analysis Branch and later the Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at Headquarters Air Training Command. Then-Captain Jones reported to Washington, District of Columbia as part of the very elite Air Staff Training Program as a personnel adviser and board member of the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council.

Then Captain-Jones and later Major-Jones held the first of his many assignments as a